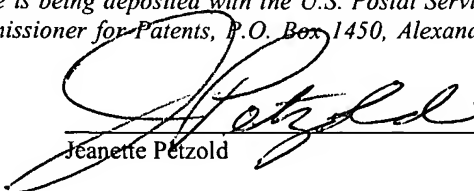


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Commissioner:

Enclosed is an amendment to the above-identified application.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Paid For	Number Extra Claims	Small Entity Rate	Large Entity Rate	FEE
Total Claims Fee	12	*20	0	x \$25.00	x \$50.00	0
Independent Claims	1	** 3	0	x \$100.00	x \$200.00	0
Multiple Dependent Claims ***				\$180.00	\$360.00	0
TOTAL FILING FEE						0
NO ADDITIONAL FEE REQUIRED	IF NO FEE REQUIRED, INSERT "0"					0
LIST INDEPENDENT CLAIMS: 1						
* IF HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR IS 20 OR LESS, WRITE "20" IN COLUMN 3 ** IF HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR IS 3 OR LESS, WRITE "3" IN COLUMN 3 *** PAY THIS FEE ONLY WHEN MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS ARE ADDED FOR THE FIRST TIME						

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_____ Attached is our check for \$ to pay the fees calculated above.
_____ A Petition for Extension of Time and the required fee are enclosed.
X_____ Other enclosures: Postcard

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by or to give effect to this paper to Deposit Account No. 03-1728. Please show our docket number with any charge or credit to our Deposit Account. **A copy of this letter is enclosed.**

Respectfully submitted,

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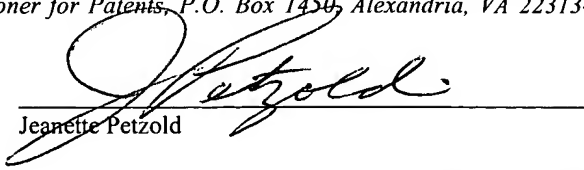
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In response to the Office action of September 20, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 5 of this paper and include attached replacement sheets 1 through 6.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawings figures is attached following page 7 of this paper.